operation of the train. RTDC markets the train through its nominated General Sales Agents (GSAs) in various countries and by participating in major international tourism fairs such as World Travel Mart, International Tourism Borse (ITB)-Berlin, Dubai Festival as well as in the domestic tourism marts.

Kitchen/organic gardening

*431. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether kitchen gardening can be of great help to propagate the cause of environment; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to create awareness among households about the potentials of kitchen as well as organic gardening?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) and (b) Kitchen Garden refers to growing of crops around the premises of the house utilizing the home wastes, which helps in maximum utilization of the backyard space and in supplementing day-to-day rquirements of crops such as fruits, flowers and vegetables for the household.

Although, the Government is not implementing any scheme exclusively for promotion of kitchen gardens, the programmes being implemented for development of Horticulture have enabled the availability of quality seeds, planting material and improved technologies for growing crops including kitchen gardening. The Government of India is promoting organic gardening through the use of organic sources of nutrients such as green manure, farm yard manure, compost, bio-fertilizers and vermin-compost alongwith use of bio-pesticides/bio-agents for integrated management of pests and diseases.

Use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides

*433. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :
SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are considering to emphasize minimum use f chemical fertilizers and pesticides for agricultural production; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH) : (a) and (b) To protect against ill-effect due to imbalanced use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, the Government propagates Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), which includes soil test based judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjuction with organic manures and bio-fertilizers. The Government promotes organic farming which emphasizes the use of organic source of nutrients like farmyard manure, compost and bio-fertilizers.

The Government also promotes Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which aims at controlling pests by employing all available alternate pest control methods and techniques such as cultural, mechanical and biological control with emphasis on use of bio-pesticides and pesticides of plant origin like Neem formulations.

Drugs under DPCO

*434. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Supreme Court had ordered Government to submit fresh list of drugs to be kept under price control by 15th June, 2003; and

(b) if so, whether Government have submitted the list containing names of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a), as above.

Poultry production

*436. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that chicken and egg production in the country is decreasing alarmingly;

(b) if so, the details of their production during the last three years·